

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 1, lines 5-10 replace the cross reference to Related Applications Sections with the following amended Cross Reference to Related Applications Section.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US04/0014141, filed May 7, 2004, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/469,229, filed May 9, 2003, entitled "Fiducial Marker Holder System For Surgery."

At page 10, lines 7-12, amend the paragraph as follows:

The open-ended frame 30 and the marker attachment devices 40 are formed of a material that is inert or innocuous to MRIs, CT scans and the like, such as a polymeric material or a ~~non-metallic~~ non-metallic composite material. Preferably, the open-ended frame is formed of a rigid carbon-fiber which is selected for its high stiffness (rigidity) to weight ratio. But, the open-ended frame 30 and the marker attachment devices 40 may be formed of other materials without departing from the present invention.

At page 32, replace the Abstract of the Invention section with the following amended Abstract of the Invention section:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fiducial marker holder apparatus (~~20, 120, 220~~) includes a maxillary holding device ~~[[~~(50)~~]]~~ and an open-ended frame (~~30, 130, 230~~). The maxillary holding device ~~[[~~(50)~~]]~~ is

configured to be temporarily secured to only a maxillary-region of a patient. The open-ended frame (30, 130, 230) has first and second arms (32, 132, 232, 33, 133, 233) and is configured to be removably attached to the maxillary holding device [(50)]. The first arm (32, 132, 232) has at least one marker attachment point (48a-48h, 148a-148n, 248a-248l) that receives fiducial markers [(48)] and the second arm (33, 133, 233) has a plurality of marker attachment points (48a-48h, 148a-148n, 248a-248l) that receive fiducial markers [(48)]. At least two of the marker attachment points (48a-48h, 148a-148n, 248a-248l) of the second arm (33, 133, 233) are configured to receive fiducial markers [(48)] in different orientations with respect to the open-ended frame (30, 130, 230) and each other (48a-48h, 148a-148n, 248a-248l).